



Office of the Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Representative Dan Burton
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Dear Dan,

There **are** two **fundamental** principles that should guide every member of Congress **as** we look **into** the allegations of criminality surrounding the Clinton White **House**. First, the American people have the right to know the truth if laws have been broken. Second, no American, including **the** President, is above the law.

Unfortunately, rather than joining in the search for the truth, the Democrats on your committee have chosen to stonewall and **obstruct** the investigation. The **vote** of 19 Democrats **against immunity** for **four critical witnesses** – despite the approval of the Clinton Justice Department – was both appalling and indefensible.

I was pleased to **hear** that you have decided to hold one more **vote** on immunity in your **committee**. Now Mr. Waxman and his Democrat colleagues will have to make an important decision: Do they want those four witnesses to testify in front of their own committee or in front of the House Oversight Committee? Do they want to continue to be the agents of cover-up and corruption or will they vote for the facts to be heard?

Because, in one venue or another, those witnesses will get immunity, and they will testify about what they know. Mr. Waxman can change the location, but he cannot – and will not – **delay** this investigation. We will not **allow** the defenders of deception and the champions of corruption to block the **search** for the truth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Newt".

Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House